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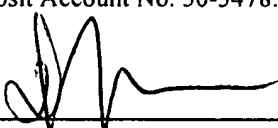
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the references were cited in an International Search Report mailed February 22, 2005. A copy of the search report is enclosed.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each foreign document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. As this application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the cited U.S. Patent Documents are not included.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §(a)(3)):

US 2004/0248226 is an English equivalent of WO 03/033729, US 5,824,527 is an English equivalent of JP 8-336386, US 5,712,138 is an English equivalent of JP 8-154672, US 5,789,221 is an English equivalent of JP 7-289253 and US 2004/209378 is an English equivalent of WO 03/033730. English abstracts have been included for the remaining Japanese references.

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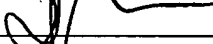
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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Respectfully submitted,

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EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	5,712,138	January, 1998	Kato, et al.			
	5,789,221	August, 1998	Kato, et al.			
	5,824,527	October, 1998	Kato, et al.			
	2002/0025546	February, 2002	Komori, et al.			
	2003/0186346	October, 2003	Yagi, et al.			
	2004/0209378	October, 2004	Horii, et al.			
	2004/0248226	December, 2004	Yonehara, et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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						YES	NO
	7-289253	November, 1995	Japan				
	8-154672	June, 1996	Japan				
	8-336386	December, 1996	Japan				
	99/20039	April, 1999	WIPO				
	2000-97927	April, 2000	Japan			Abstract	
	2000-180439	June, 2000	Japan			Abstract	
	2000-333696	December, 2000	Japan			Abstract	
	03/033729	April, 2003	WIPO				
	03/033730	April, 2003	WIPO				

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		Fujiwara, et al., "Conversion of Substrate Specificity of Glycated Amino Acid Oxidase Derived from <i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> ", Annual Meeting 2000, The Society for Biotechnology, Japan, 2000

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